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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were lower in the East, mostly unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand was light to moderate; food service was moderate to fairly good, best into fast food outlets. Supplies were usually sufficient; however, heavier weights were short in the East, but in the longest position in the West. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate, yet increased in some areas following the Super Bowl. Breast items were balanced, short for tenders, and wings were adequate and clearing. Dark meat was in good balance to well cleared. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

Final Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 07-FEB-2005.

(cents per lb)	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
AREAS	MAJORITY	WTD	LOADS	WTD	LOADS
		AVG		AVG	
Boston/New Eng	68.00-70.00	69.33	12	68.97	27
Chicago	63.00-66.00	66.38	40	66.68	77
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			69.09	22
Denver	79.50	79.50	14	79.13	16
Detroit	65.00-68.00	68.08	12	69.72	53
Los Angeles	80.00	79.11	63	74.54	147
New York	67.00-70.00	69.68	25	71.49	51
Philadelphia	67.50-70.00	68.50	12	67.40	24
Pittsburgh	68.00-70.00	68.92	13	70.94	59
St. Louis	65.75-66.00	65.44	20	65.75	36
San Francisco	80.50	80.51	35	79.11	74

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	02/07/05	Change/Last Wk	01/31/05	02/09/04
586	71.37	-.13	71.50	75.41

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
Eastern	69.50-71.00	70.98	31
Central	61.00-72.00	69.21	71
Western	61.00-72.00	71.09	36

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	72.00-75.00	73.33	880
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 73.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,138	63.00-75.75	72.67

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	167.00	1,461
BREASTS - B/S	166.00	6,000
BREASTS - WHOLE	88.00	1,507
THIGH MEAT - B/S	93.50	1,097
LEG QUARTERS	31.50	7,749
WINGS	124.00	3,068

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was at least moderate for early week fill-in business. Offerings were adequate on 3 pound and smaller sizes; about adequate to short on the heavier sizes. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were sufficient for trade needs; tenderloins, thighs and boneless thighs were well cleared. Wings were clearing satisfactorily. Legs and leg quarters were in good balance.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand into retail and fast food following the weekend was fair to moderate with active trading. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to fairly good with many taking a wait and see attitude. Availability of all items was mixed, mostly no more than adequate to short and moving satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mixed but overall steady. Reported trading on regular commitments at mainly unchanged prices with new negotiations unchanged to lower. Offerings were adequate overall with heavier weights reported as being in the longest position. Buying activity was moderate. Retailer demand was moderate best where features planned. Dealers reported desirable weekend carryovers. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarters 31-34 bulk and 4/10s mid 30s, boneless leg meat 77-83, boneless thigh meat 90-96, breast bone-in 94-106 and boneless 158-162, wings 124-126. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 63.07 down 1.59 with the volume reported at 28 loads unchanged.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Majority prices generally unchanged from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. The market tone was steady on whole broiler/fryers. Offerings sufficient on light interest. Demand was in a full range; mostly moderate to good. Floor stocks were adequate; weights desirable. Parts trade was light to moderate on adequate offerings. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on dark cuts and steady on the balance.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fairly active for early week fill in business. Seller offerings remain adequate on the smaller sizes; barely adequate to short on the heavier sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to light. Processing schedules were mostly moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 69 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, tenders were short of inquiry. Leg quarters were in closer balance. Other items were generally noted as balanced to close balance.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	67-84
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	72.88
NO. OF BOXES	7,022

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity increased slightly following Super Bowl weekend and was noted as at least moderate. Offerings of breast items were fully sufficient for trade needs; tenderloins and boneless thigh meat were in good balance to well cleared. Leg and leg quarters were in close balance. Wings were clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm on tenderloins, steady on breast cuts, steady to fully steady on the balance of items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
	TRADING		AVG	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	165-170		162.69	538,626
TENDERLOINS	140		133.49	116,540
BREAST - WITH RIBS	87-88		97.32	103,280
BREAST - LINE RUN	87		89.01	118,520
LEGS	44-45		45.24	170,760
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31		30.47	280,720
DRUMSTICKS	30-31		37.88	140,120
THIGHS	37-38		46.64	52,320
B/S THIGHS	95-96		93.09	77,540
WINGS (WHOLE)	115-116		124.04	127,120
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		11.99	39,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35		28.21	15,440
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65		65.05	47,120

INCLUDES: NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	2,400	132.00-166.00	150-156	154.15
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,160	25.00-28.00	26-27	26.48
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,440	35.00-38.00	36-37	36.81

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)		(1,000)	
	02/07	02/03	02/03	01/31	01/27
Alabama	4,023	3,949	5.18	3,760	5.13
Arkansas	5,530	5,020	4.97	5,412	5.05
Delmarva	2,201	2,008	5.54	2,167	5.49
KY-LA-TN	2,163	2,173	5.11	2,131	5.08
Mississippi	3,057	3,018	5.50	2,697	5.41
North Carolina	2,422	2,418	6.39	2,389	6.37
Texas	2,374	2,473	5.26	2,616	5.20
Total	21,770	21,059	5.35	21,172	5.33
Mon	21,770(A)			21,172(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-Feb 2005 is estimated to be 32,570,000 up 2.51 percent from a week ago. and up 6.8 percent from a year ago. (last week 31,771,000 last year 30,489,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	(000)			AVG
BREAST - B/S	663	151.00-225.00	156-159	161.53
TENDERLOINS	298	132.00-170.00	133-137	135.27
BREAST - LINE RUN	98	85.00-96.00	89-90	88.92
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	527	27.00-31.00	28-29	28.57
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,046	28.00-34.00	30	29.98
WINGS (WHOLE)	330	118.00-130.00	119-121	120.24
WINGS (CUT)	474	133.00-140.00	134-136	135.69
DRUMSTICKS	74	35.00-56.00	-	38.97
THIGHS	70	33.00-53.00	-	37.06
B/S THIGHS	80	96.00-97.00	-	96.25

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR FEB 07, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
49.00 - 54.50	51.29	50.92

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 07-11-FEB-2005

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	151.00 - 166.00	151.00 - 164.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	85.00 - 104.00	88.00 - 97.00
LEGS	40.00 - 48.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27.00 - 39.00	28.00 - 31.00
DRUMSTICKS	29.00 - 43.00	-
THIGHS	38.00 - 48.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	105.00 - 131.00	118.00 - 122.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 38.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 65.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	86.25-98.25
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	89.75-101.75

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 103-105
	DRY PACK 103-108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 108-111
	DRY PACK 111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 89-93
	DRY PACK 89-95
DUCKS	175-192

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

FEBRUARY 04, 2005
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.25	18.75-22.00	500,000	260,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.25	20.92		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-22.00	16.00-22.00	2,470,000	1,630,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.46	18.52		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	13.25-19.00	160,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		17.56		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

FEBRUARY 04, 2005
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	19.00	20,400	-
WTD AVERAGE		19.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	-	12.75-20.00	958,800	81,600
WTD AVERAGE		16.72		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.50	80,600	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.50		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for the generally adequate to about adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances less than normal. Sales of finished product were sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-FEB-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15.25	11-13	11.94
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were unchanged to slightly higher. Demand was moderate to good for spent heavy hens. Primary suppliers report hatching eggs tight. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
 PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
 SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-FEB-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-15	10.25-12.75	11.43

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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